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1. The period under 37 CFR 1.304 for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered 12/14/2006 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(b).

The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims 9, 19, 20, 22-25, 27, 28, 3132, 35, 36, 38-43, 45-47, and 50 provided the following formal matters are promptly corrected: see drawing objection by the draftsman mailed on 11/26/1999. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to King Y. Poon whose telephone number is 571-272-7440. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Y. Poon', with a stylized, flowing script.

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